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SUBJ: GUATEMALA SUSPENDS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH PANAMA

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1. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF THAT GUATEMALA
"SUSPENDED" DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH PANAMA MAY 19 BECAUSE
OF TORRIJOS' SUPPORT FOR BELIZEAN INDEPENDENCE. FORMAL
ANNOUNCEMENT IS TO APPEAR IN TOMORROW'S PRESS.

2. RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES COOLED FOLLOWING
PANAMA'S VOTE IN FAVOR OF BELIZEAN INDEPENDENCE AT 1976
UNGA. TORRIJOS' STOPOVER IN BELIZE MAY 8 AND HIS COMMENTS
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IN FAVOR OF BELIZEAN INDEPENDENCE FURTHER AGGRAVATED RELATIONS
(REFTEL). FINAL STRAW WAS APPARENTLY APPEARANCE IN THIS
MORNING'S PRESS OF SPANISH WIRE SERVICE (EFE) STORY
ON TORRIJOS' LATEST COMMENTS ON BELIZE. EFE ITEM
REPORTS THAT MEXICAN NEWSPAPER EL UNIVERSAL QUOTES
TORRIJOS AS SAYING RECENTLY TO A GROUP OF JOURNALISTS, "YES,
I HAVE STUCK MY HANDS INTO BELIZE AND I'M NOT GOING

TO TAKE THEM OUT ... EVER SINCE LAUGERUD LEARNED THIS
HE IS ANGRY WITH ME. I AM GOING TO HELP GEORGE PRICE
BECAUSE HE IS A MYSTIC (SIC) AND NEEDS IT AND IT
DOESN'T MATTER TO ME THAT KJELL LAUGERUD IS ANGRY."

3. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL COMMENTED TO EMBOFF
THAT "SUSPENSION" OF RELATIONS IS LESS SERIOUS THAN
"BREAKING" RELATIONS BECAUSE IT IMPLIES THAT RELATIONS
COULD BE RESUMED SHORTLY IF CONDITIONS WARRANT.
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